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PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78145

Akio OMIYA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2612

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Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated March 21, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 1 and 26 are generic. Applicants have been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species 1, Figures 1-18, for examination, on which claims 1-11, 13, 26, 27, 28 and 30 are readable.

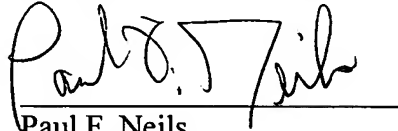
Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 12, 14-25, 29, and 31-33.

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Respectfully submitted,

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